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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST FROM AMBASSADOR SPIERS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT:U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT: AGREED
ARRANGEMENTS

REF: STATE 3029

1. I WELCOME YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM.
2. WHEN DOD TELLS YOU THAT THE TURK DRAFT AGREED ARRANGEMENT FOR INCIRLIK IS OUT OF THE QUESTION THEY ARE RIGHT. THAT DOCUMENT IS AS CONFUSED AND BYZANTINE AS THE TURKISH BUREAUCRACY CAN MAKE IT. HOWEVER, I WANT TO AVOID A SITUATION IN WHICH, WHILE WASHINGTON'S LAWYERS SEND THEIR COUNTER DRAFTS BACK FOR CONSIDERATION BY LOW LEVEL TURK BUREAUCRATS, OUR BASIC OBJECTIVE --IMPROVEMENT IN FUTURE U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION --IS PREJUDICED. THE TURKS ARE LOOKING FOR ANY EVIDENCE THAT WE WANT TO RESTORE WHAT THEY USED TO CONSIDER A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP. A STERILE EXCHANGE OF RIGID NEGOTIATING POSITIONS WILL WORSEN, NOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. IF WE DO GET A DCA AND NO AGREED ARRANGEMENTS, THE GOT WILL BE IN A POSITION TO UNILATERALLY DETERMINE SOME IMPORTANT U.S. INTERESTS.

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3. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW SOME OF THE IMPORTANT INCIRLIK AGREED ARRANGEMENT ISSUES COULD BE SOLVED. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE NOT MADE IN A VACUUM AND ARE WORKABLE IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. SIMILARLY, WE HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW SOME OF THE OTHER AGREED ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE QUICKLY CONCLUDED. IF WE WANT TO SHOW, AT LITTLE COST,

OUR DETERMINATION TO RESTORE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TURKS
WE WILL USE SOME IMAGINATION AND SPEED IN CONCLUDING THESE
NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN THIS CONTEXT WE VERY MUCH WELCOME THE PROPOSED VISIT IN
LATE JANUARY OF THE STATE/DOD TEAM MENTIONED REFTTEL. HOWEVER,
I STILL BELIEVE THAT FRANCIS SHOULD COME IN ADVANCE OF THIS.
WE ARE SEEKING AUTHORITY BY PHONE FOR HIS VISIT AND HE TENTA-
TIVELY PLANS ARRIVE WASHINGTON SUNDAY NIGHT VIA PANAM AND
BE IN THE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 9.
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